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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1886.

THE law taxing oleomargarine goes into effect on the first of next month. The government officials are perfecting details of regulations and the stamps provided for in the act are being prepared. It is said a Kansas City firm will make enough of the stuff the coming year to bring their taxes up to \$80,000 to \$100,000.

REV. DR. HAMLIN is not a believer in the "New Theology" of the Andover school. If one may form an opinion from his recent article in the Religious Herald, in which he says, among other things:

Andover can accept and subscribe to a creed, and then teach the opposite. We have always thought the Andover departure would land in Universalism. It has already arrived there.

A rationalistic missionary will reproduce rationalistic converts, or none. No matter which.

## ILLITERACY AND INTELLIGENCE.

Those who write upon educational topics are wont to assume that illiteracy necessarily goes with a low order of intelligence, i. e., that one whose grammar, spelling and punctuation are not up to the mark does not possess much of a head anyway. The following letter from a youth who answered an advertisement of a lawyer that wanted an office boy is printed by a Boston paper, and it shows that the assumption to which we have referred is not always in accordance with facts:

I want the job my folks aint rich an i got to rattle they are dead. It betes hel how hard times is i can do chores an learn fast i want a job in your office let me in.  
JIMMY CARRIGAN.

## ELECTION IS OVER.

For the information of our friends at the north end of the county, who seem not to have been apprised of it, we beg to state that on the seventh of the last calendar month, to wit, on the seventh day of September, A. D. 1886, county officers were elected in the county of Addison; and to say further (for herein appears to consist the ignorance of those whom we seek to instruct), that on the date specified Albert E. Stanley of Leicester, in said county, and Dorastus W. Nash of New Haven, also in said county, were elected Senators to represent this county at the coming session of the legislature. Whoever asserts to the contrary may be safely set down as a preparator, a false witness, a dealer in falsehoods, in short, as an out-and-out liar.

We hope those up north, whom doubt about this matter has driven to the verge of idiocy will now possess their souls in peace.

## CRANKS.

The crying need of the age is a society for the suppression of cranks. There already exist societies for the promotion of every conceivable enterprise and the destruction of every evil, real or fancied, with which the world is, or is thought to be, afflicted, till even the soul of Mrs. Jellyby might hug itself in sweet satisfaction over the numbers of "missions" open to would-be philanthropists. But the cranks are yet untouched. From time immemorial there have been few communities free from one or more persons of small calibre but great activity who could be depended upon to make fools of themselves or their friends or to cause misery of some sort or another to somebody about once in so often. Till the advent of newspapers and the telegraph the sphere of these beings' activity was necessarily limited, but now there is no end to the mischief they may do.

An instance in point is the performance of the so-called "Professor" Wiggins, who claimed to foretell another earthquake shock which was to have visited the Southern States on Wednesday of this week. It is needless to say that no such phenomenon was observed; but the

alleged prophecy was telegraphed all over the country, ignorant people were terrorized and much harm resulted from the efforts of this crank to gain for himself a little cheap notoriety. The daily press and the managers of press associations can put a quietus on these fellows; and if they won't do it of their own free will, ought to be compelled to keep out of their columns and dispatches stuff of this character. There is no excuse whatever for printing it.

## PROMISE AND PERFORMANCE.

Hon. John Sherman made an excellent speech at a Republican gathering in Portsmouth, Ohio, Tuesday evening, in which he contrasted what the Democrats promised with what they had done since the present administration came into power. It is too truthful to be pleasant reading for Democrats. Here is the material part of Mr. Sherman's remarks:

And now, fellow citizens, after eighteen months' trial are you satisfied with the result of the change? Have Mr. Cleveland and the Democratic party adopted any policy or proposed any measure that can be of any possible service to the people of Ohio or of the United States? In thinking over what I should say to you upon this subject, I have read over his message, and especially his vetoes, and the more I read the more I wonder how he came to be President of the United States, and, especially, what cause led to such a change. . . . They said they wanted a change to make times easy, to make money plenty and to get out of the toils of Wall street and the money sharks. How has this promise been realized? Prices have steadily fallen. Industries once flourishing are now languishing. A New York banker as secretary of the treasury not only increased the hoards in the treasury, but suspended for nearly a year the payment of the public debt. And a New York treasurer of the United States transferred from Wall street to Washington the methods of the money sharks until Congress was compelled, for the first time in our financial history, to restrict his powers and regulate his discretion.

And so with the vital question of the tariff. We were promised great economy in public expenditures and a large reduction of taxes. But the only economy we have had is the veto of about sixty pension bills—saving about \$12,000 a year, about half the expense of the greenhouse at the President's mansion—and the only reduction of taxes proposed is in those imposed upon foreign productions that come into competition with American industries. The President treats the tariff as gingerly as a monkey would a hot potato. He feels it and runs from it. He favors the reduction of the tariff, but thinks it should be made on duties on imported necessities of life, while the truth is that the American manufacturer now makes nearly all such articles consumed in this country, and the duties collected are mainly from articles of superfluity or luxury. There is not in his message one open, manly word in favor of the protection of American industry.

## THE NEW STATE LIBRARY BUILDING.

A Montpelier letter to the Boston Journal thus describes the new State library building, the construction of which has been superintended by Mr. Clinton Smith of this place:

The new building for the State library and Supreme court, for the erection of which the last legislature appropriated \$36,000, is fast approaching completion and will be ready for occupancy early in October. The structure is in the form of an annex to the west wing of the State House, and is connected there with by entrances leading from the first and second stories. The new library building is 74 feet 8 inches long by 48 feet 8 inches wide, and abuts by the rear end of the west wall of the State House 24 feet, leaving and exposed frontage on State street of 51 feet. The height of the walls is 41 feet 7 inches. The front and west side of the building is of unburnt Barre granite, the window caps, cornices and moldings being of hammered granite. The foundation walls are also of granite. The edifice is built to be fire-proof, the floor beams and stairways being of iron and the hallways and corridors having floors of marble tile. The moldings are of marble and the floors are laid in Southern pine. The basement is used for closets and toilet rooms and for the boiler.

The Supreme court room occupies the first floor of the building, and is 51x28 feet in size. It is 14 feet 10 inches high, and is fitted with a bench for the full court of seven judges. On the same floor is a lawyers' room, 28x13 feet in size, and a room for the members of the court. There are also two legislative committee rooms on this floor. Entrance to the building from the outside, and also from the lower hall of the State House, is effected on this floor.

On the second floor is the historical room and the library room, which are reached by an iron stairway from the first floor, and also through the old library, which opens out of the lobby adjoining Representatives' hall. Entering the new building from the old library the visitor passes through a lobby, on the left of which is the librarian's room, 8x12 feet in size. At the end of the corridor is the historical room, 20x40 feet in size and 14 feet 10 inches high. The ceiling and floor are of Southern pine, and the walls are hard finished. The room is lighted by three lofty windows. The famous painting of the battle of Cedar Creek, which has heretofore occupied one side of the executive chamber, will be placed in the new historical room. A conspicuous feature of this room will be the fireplace, which is to be made of the various kinds of Vermont marble, the centre panel containing the State coat-of-arms in marble. The marble fireplace is a gift to the State from ex-Gov. Redfield Proctor, the marble king of Vermont.

The library room is entered from the historical room. It is 45x50 feet in size,

with an extreme height of 28 feet six inches. The roof is iron trussed, and the ceiling is frescoed a light blue tint. The walls of the room are brick finished and painted a terra cotta shade. The frame work for the shelving is of iron, and the shelves are of Southern pine. The capacity of the room is limited to 70,000 volumes, one-third of which is to be utilized for the 22,000 volumes contained in the State library. The room is lighted by 18 large windows. Reading desks will be placed between the windows fronting on State street. The library building is very substantially built and the citizens of the State who have occasion to resort to the various departments in the new structure will appreciate the changes effected by the erection of the library.

## HORSE ITEMS.

## THOUGHT.

The 240 race trotted at Bethel last Saturday was won by Joseph Battell's bay stallion, Thought, son of Daniel Lambert. The first heat was taken by J. W. Furman's brown stallion Morgan Enterprise by Killington, son of Woodstock (John Morrill), after which Thought won in three straight heats. The other beaten horses were Black Jim, bl. g. by Woodstock, entered by C. Cady of Barnard; John S., br. g. by Billy Ring, entered by F. S. Winch of Middlebury, and Mark F. br. g. entered by H. P. House of Bethel. John S. won a race on the same grounds the day before.

## WILLIAM R.

Dr. W. H. Kingsley of Middlebury has sold his trotting horse William R., to D. L. Parker, owner of Little Dick. William R. is by DeLong's Ethan Allen; dam by the Hemenway Horse, son of Black Hawk.

## LADY DEJARNETTE.

The admirers of the Morgan horse will be glad to hear that the great Morgan mare, Lady de Jarnette, is continuing her splendid career. She exhibited at the Latonia and Marysville fairs in Kentucky, and at the Hillsboro' and Chilli-cothe fairs in Ohio, to enthusiastic spectators. The Bay State Fair association have secured her for \$300 for their fair to be held in Boston, Massachusetts, Oct. 5 to 8, and the Texas State fair have engaged her for \$500 to be in Dallas, Texas, Oct. 26 to Nov. 6. Such engagements mean great value. Perhaps no other horse could get such prices for showing style and beauty.

## A TRUNK MYSTERY.

IN WHICH A MIDDLEBURY MAN IS CONCERNED.

The Plattsburgh (N. Y.) Telegram of Tuesday has the following:

Mr. Charles Chisholm reported yesterday at the sheriff's office that he had discovered a trunk in the woods near the Singing Sands beach. In the afternoon Deputy Sheriff Fitzpatrick in company with Mr. Chisholm proceeded to the place, which was 30 or 40 rods from the lake shore, and secured the trunk and brought it to Plattsburgh. The trunk was of the ordinary size and covered with leather. It was secured by strap. Upon opening it it was found to be filled with a man's clothing, most of it much worse for wear. The clothing was evidently that of a mechanic, as a pair of overalls very greasy were among the articles. In the trunk also were three wooden wheels, evidently pattern wheels of some description, a bottle of ink and a bottle of essence of peppermint, with one of Wells, Richardson & Co.'s labels on it. In the pocket of the vest was found the following:

## REGISTRY RECEIPT.

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On the back was written "Ed. Deo got 515 lbs peas and oats." An old envelope was also found in the same pocket, but most of the address had been torn off. All that remained was "McLaughlin, La Motte."

The mystery is how could the trunk have got there. It is quite a long distance to the road and also to the lake, and it was quite heavy, weighing much more than any one man could carry far. It had evidently been there a number of days, exposed to the weather, as it was completely soaked by rain. A search will be made today for the owner.

The James McLaughlin who owned the mysterious trunk is a Middlebury man. His son, the John S. McLaughlin of the registry receipt, is employed at Mr. Rider's drug store. He received a letter from his father on Tuesday. It was dated Monday and came from Larabee's Point. The elder McLaughlin left here early in the spring and had been at Isle La Motte till recently. Of course the young man knows nothing about the trunk matter.

Wednesday's Plattsburgh Telegram says: "The trunk proves to be the property of one McLaughlin, who was employed as an engineer by Mr. Peter Lezotte, at his quarries at Bluff Point. Some three weeks ago he suddenly disappeared in the night taking his trunk with him, and no doubt left it in the woods and intended to come for it at some future time. He gave no notice to his employer that he was about to leave."

## SHEEP FOR THE WEST.

Mr. H. E. Bissell, son of E. N. Bissell, Esq., of Shoreham, will in a few days start for Burlington, Wis., with a party of ten stock rams which he will sell there.

## COLLEGE NOTES.

Horns are blown at all hours in Starr Hall, but no regular horning has yet occurred.

The college quartette is to be reorganized this fall, and promises to be better than usual.

Wednesday afternoon the Freshmen nine defeated the Sophomores by a score of 12 to 3, in a four-inning game.

The boarding hall this term is under the charge of E. D. Howe, '87, and H. N. Winchester, '87, and accommodates about thirty students.

The first number of the Undergraduate will be issued in October. Dr. Rankin's memorial address is to be published in two parts in the October and November numbers.

The annual comes on Friday, October 8. The list of sports is as follows: 100 yards dash, 220 yards dash, quarter-mile run, half-mile run, mile run, five-miles go-as-you-please, standing high jump, running high jump, standing broad jump, running broad jump, three jumps; hop, step and jump; pole vault, putting shot, high kick, throwing base ball.

Saturday the Freshmen nine went to Burlington to play a game of baseball with the University of Vermont Freshmen. The U. V. M. Freshmen went to bat and succeeded in getting one run. The Middlebury Freshmen then went in and made three and had one man on second base with no man out, when game was called on account of rain. The return game will be played on the college campus here, Saturday, Oct. 9. A small admission will be charged to defray the expenses of the visiting club.

## A SUDBURY GIRL'S FOOLISHNESS.

Anna, the 18-year-old daughter of Dr. H. A. Hawley of Sudbury, disappeared with her father's team on Sunday morning. It was found that she had cut off her hair and put on a man's suit of clothes before leaving the house. She left a note saying that it would be useless to follow her. The family are in good circumstances and stand well socially. The daughter was well educated, good looking and accomplished.

The girl was found, Sunday evening, near Hague, N. Y. It seems that she had prepared for some days for the escapade. Her family say she is suffering from mental aberration caused by too close application to her studies.

## THE STATE Y. M. C. A.

The twentieth annual convention of the Young Men's Christian associations and evangelical churches of Vermont will be held in the Methodist church at Barre October 7th to 10th. The first session will be held Thursday, the 7th, at 7:15 p. m., and the closing service on the evening of Sunday, the 10th. Among those who will be present from abroad and deliver addresses are Rev. A. B. Kendig, D. D., of Boston; George A. Hall, State secretary Y. M. C. A. of New York; Edward A. Lawrence, State secretary Y. M. C. A. of Connecticut; H. E. Brown, secretary international committee; E. W. Watkins, secretary international committee.

## PERSONAL.

Rev. B. Fay Mills is to conduct a union revival service at Brandon this month, and a general committee consisting of the pastor and two laymen from each church in the place has been appointed to make arrangements.

Senator and Mrs. Justin S. Morrill have lately been guests of Senator Edmunds in Burlington.

W. A. Faulkner, eleven years cashier of the People's National bank of Brattleboro, has accepted a similar position in the Hide and Leather bank, Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo B. Williamson of Cornwall are at present guests of their brother, Judge Williamson, at Palatine, Ill.

## SENTENCED FOR LIFE.

The second trial of Oscar Meyer for the murder of O. O. Krause on Lake Champlain in January, 1884, was concluded in the Franklin county court at St. Albans, Wednesday, with a verdict of murder in the second degree and the prisoner was sentenced by Judge Royce to imprisonment at hard labor for life. Meyer was convicted in September last of murder in the first degree, but the Supreme court sent the case back by reason of an alleged defect impairing the man's qualifications, and the neglect of the judge to charge with discrimination concerning what constituted murder in the second degree. The plea made in the present trial was justifiable homicide, and Meyer was put on the stand to testify in his own behalf. The verdict just rendered is not favorably received, says a St. Albans dispatch. The opinion was that a new trial would not result as did the first. No particular evidence was adduced to prove anything less criminal than was shown before, but Meyer's story about having killed Krause in self-defence evidently created a doubt in the minds of the jurymen.

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